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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/24/03

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

- ☐ Claim(s) 1-74 is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) 1-40, 66-74, 74 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 41-62, 64, 65, 75-77 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 63 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 1/8/02, 2/15/02, 4/22/02
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Applicant's election with traverse of the methacrylamide of claim 53, acrylamide, nucleic acids, vascular stents, and ethylene vinyl acetate in Paper No. 4/22/03 and 12/24/03 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that are provided in the paper of 11/29/02. This is not found persuasive because of the reasons given in the paper of 3/17/03.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim 63 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 2 line 17, patent number 5,884,039 appears to be incorrect. The patent does not concern the subject matter at hand.


Appropriate correction is required.

In claim 63 there is no antecedent basis for "the crosslinked matrix" in claim 41.

Claim 63 rejected. Claims 41-62, 64-65, 75-77 allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Edward J.

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